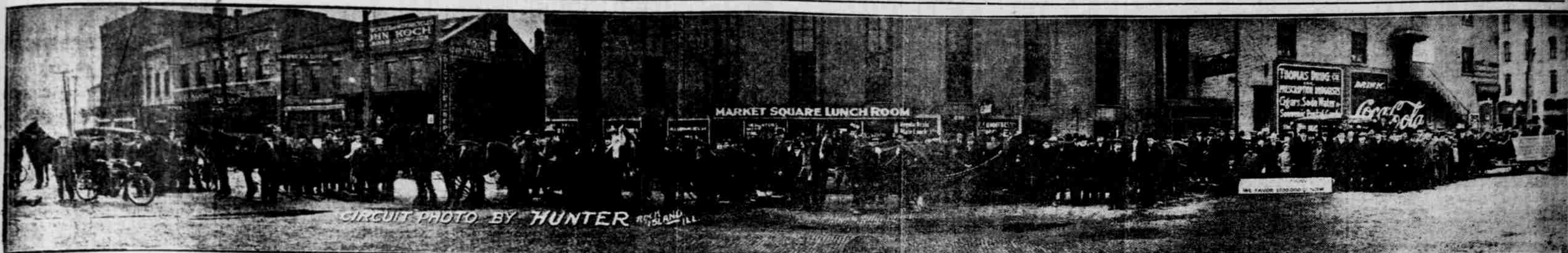


Panoramic View of Road Drag Contestants Taken in Market Square



SPEAKERS FAVOR BOND ISSUE TO IMPROVE ROADS

Cause of Better Highways in County Furthered at Meeting at Illinois.

EDENS POINTS OUT NEED

Resolutions Adopted Urging Cooperation in "Pulling Illinois Out of Mud" April 15.

The Rock Island County Highway Improvement association closed the first good roads day meeting ever held under its auspices yesterday afternoon at the Illinois theatre by adopting resolutions pledging its support to the Illinois good roads day announced by Governor Dunne for April 15.

W. G. Edens, a Chicago banker and president of the Illinois State Highway association, a joint speaker with Joe L. Long, of Des Moines, at the meeting, asked the farmers for an endorsement of the good roads committee of the Illinois State Bankers' association, which is carrying the fight for the road drag bill through congressmen and representatives.

Phil Mitchell, president of the Rock Island County Highway Improvement association, presiding at the meeting, stated concisely what a \$1,000,000 bond issue by the county for the improvement of 121 miles of road would mean. A. E. Nissen, field secretary of the Iowa State Auto association, spoke 10 minutes urging that the bond issue be voted and S. W. Searle, also spoke in commendation.

Other States Lead Us.

The states of Indiana, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri have all surpassed Illinois in the improvement of their roads. Mr. Edens told his audience. There was a time when Indiana roads were the worst known in the middle United States. In the seventies there was an incessant migration to Kansas to find better roads. Now, however, Indiana has advanced in road improvement and Illinois has lain in a dormant state. Mr. Edens said this state was superior to many in the condition of its roads, but he added there was lack of cooperation in all good road measures.

There are good roads in 12 of the northern counties of the state. Recently Winnebago county, which had been backward, voted to improve its roads. That county will support all good roads legislation. In Cook county there are 1,200 miles of country roads in good condition.

Reference to the Tice road law was made by Mr. Edens. Its provisions for the county to pay 50 per cent and the state the remainder toward the improvement of roads was held to be a boom.

In Ohio 250 miles of brick road have been built. It cost \$12,000 a mile, and is the most artistic to be found. The speaker ridiculed the argument that hard roads hurt horses' feet. He alleged such petty differences as to the kind of roads to be built often halted actual construction indefinitely.

Bond issues for the improvements of roads are a good thing, the speaker said. In Cook county a \$2,000,000 bond issue was voted and in Wayne county, Michigan, \$1,000,000 was raised for the building of better roads.

Nissen Scores "Cheap Skates."

Mr. Nissen urged that members of the Rock Island Highway Improvement association pay their dues and be members in reality. "There are too many cheap skates trying to boost good roads. They do a lot of talking and that's all." He was called on a second time and spoke five minutes touching on the \$1,000,000 bond issue in support of Mr. Mitchell's suggestions.

S. W. Searle told of the fight being made in the county through the press. He asserted that out townships, aside from Rock Island and Moline, paid \$40,000 a year for the improvement of roads. Considering cost and results he held it would be a paying proposition to issue bonds.

A committee on resolutions composed of H. J. Gripp, Rev. A. G. Stewart and Devore N. Simonson, appointed by Mr. Mitchell at the opening of the meeting, reported at the close. The resolutions which were addressed to David Houston, secretary of agriculture, were as follows:

"Whereas, Governor Dunne has designated April 15 as a good roads day in the state of Illinois, therefore be it resolved, by the members of the Rock Island County Highway Improvement association, that they express

the hope that you will cooperate with the members of the Illinois delegation in congress in circulating in Illinois copies of public document No. 321, describing the use of the road drag and the same be accomplished before April 15, the day designated as good roads day in this state and Illinois has requested that all citizens of this state in a spirit of loyalty and cooperation to go out and spend the day of April 15 in pulling Illinois out of the mud, therefore be it.

"Resolved, That this organization urge upon all members and citizens of this county to spend the day in improving the highways of Rock Island county."

Unfavorable weather is believed to have kept many from attending the good roads exercises, but those present were enthusiastic and there is no doubt that the cause received a considerable impetus in the county. Hunter Tice, author of the Tice good roads law; Samuel Bradt, chairman of the Illinois highway commission, and A. N. Johnson, state highway engineer, were unable to be present as announced.

Complete List of Prizes.

In addition to the prizes given every contestant who came to town on a road drag the special prizes announced at the afternoon meeting, were awarded as follows:

Dunlap Brothers, of South Rock Island—\$5, Milan Boosters' club; 5 pounds chocolates, Halligan Candy company; 5 pound chocolates, W. L. Gansert; "Weed chains," John Dee Auto Sales company, 16x20 photo, Robert Hunter; Circuit photo, Robert Hunter.

Miss Martha Fitzsimmons, living 3 1/2 miles southeast of Milan—Entitled to all women's prizes—5 pound chocolates, Halligan Candy company; 5 pounds chocolates, Roddewig Schmidt Candy company; 5 pounds chocolates, W. L. Gansert; 5 pounds chocolates, A. G. Abraham; 100 pieces gum, L. E. West Gum company; 2 pound can "Pure Quill coffee" Halligan Coffee company; \$5 cash (special prize, A. E. Nissen); \$5 cash, (Mayo) Carlson, Moline; 1 box cookies, Crescent Macaroni & Cracker company.

S. H. Love, living 1 1/2 miles southwest of Milan—\$5 cash, Milan Boosters' club; 5 pounds chocolates, A. G. Abraham; 5 pounds chocolates, Roddewig Schmidt Candy company; 2 pound can "Pure Quill coffee"; 1 Circuit photo; \$2.50 (prize divided with Boyd Mitchell).

J. G. Nicholson, of Iowa—\$5 cash, second longest distance through Iowa; 5 pounds chocolates, Halligan Candy company; 5 pounds chocolates, W. L. Gansert.

Doyle Wake of Zuma, 14 years old—\$15 cash for longest distance in Illinois; \$5 cash longest distance over R. R. V. route; \$5 cash, Manufacturers' State bank, for longest distance through East Moline; 1 sack Goldrim flour; 5 pounds chocolates; 5 pounds chocolates, Roddewig Schmidt Candy company; 2 pound can "Pure Quill coffee"; \$10 worth stock conditions, Great Western Remedy company; Stetson hat, the London; 16x20 photograph; one Circuit photograph, 12x30 inches; \$5 merchandise H. G. Kopelman "Ready to Wear store"; one gallon "Polarine," Quad City garage; \$1 Rexall preparations, Siebke pharmacy; Illinois Guide book, Tri-City Auto Supply company; Gas saver, Tri-City Auto Supply company.

Boyd McMichael of Hampton—One set spark plugs, Horst & Strieter; 1 pair gauntlet gloves, Yeagy-Don Auto Supply company; \$5 cash by A. E. Nissen; \$2.50 cash second longest distance through Illinois (divided with S. H. Love).

Alex. Nickerson, Watertown—One gallon "Polarine," Quad City garage; \$1 Rexall preparations, Siebke pharmacy; \$3.00 "Tiger" hat, A. DeSchopper; \$5 cash, East Moline Land company; 5 pound box chocolates, Halligan Candy company; 5 pound box chocolates, W. L. Gansert; \$5 rocker by Kloppenberg.

C. W. Marmion, Mitchellville, Iowa—\$15 cash, long distance through Iowa; \$10 cash by G. Decker Fench, for auto longest distance through Iowa; 1 sack Goldrim flour; 5 pound box chocolates, A. G. Abraham; 5 pound box chocolates, Roddewig Schmidt Candy company; 2 pound can "Pure Quill coffee"; 1 set spark plugs, Saueman Motor company; 16x20 photograph, Robert L. Hunter; 12x30 Circuit photo, Robert L. Hunter; Iowa Guide book, Tri-City Auto Supply company; Gas saver, Tri-City Auto Supply company.

REGISTRATION LIGHT ON THE SECOND DAY

Registration of women today for the township election, while not nearly so heavy as two weeks ago, was sufficient to keep judges in most of the precincts fairly busy. Polls were opened at 8 this morning and will close this evening at 9 o'clock.

\$20,000 LOSS IN SERIOUS FIRE AT OLD NEGUS HOME

Landmark of City is Scene of Bad Blaze Starting From Unknown Origin.

BREAKS OUT IN BASEMENT

Solder on Gas Pipe Melts Allowing Gas to Escape—Property Fully Insured.

The old Negus homestead, 1229 Second avenue, now used as an apartment house, was damaged to the extent of about \$15,000, and the total loss, including the furnishings, may reach \$20,000, as the result of a disastrous fire of mysterious origin this morning.

The blaze was first discovered by C. M. Welch, one of the tenants, at 7 o'clock this morning. He turned in the alarm, and returning to the building awoke the rest of the tenants. What caused the fire will probably never be known. The blaze started in the basement, under the bedroom, in the rear flat on the west side.

When the firemen arrived the smoke in the basement was so thick that they were forced to fight the fire from the outside, and they had the fire practically under control in 30 minutes, when the solder on the gas pipes near the meter melted off, allowing the gas to escape. The fire then started afresh, climbing up through the partitions in the center of the structure with great rapidity. In less than 45 minutes the flames had reached the roof, which was soon blazing fiercely. The firemen were at a loss just where to fight the fire. It seemed as though there were five or six separate fires in different parts of the building at the same time. The flames between the partitions were difficult to get at, owing to the smoke filled rooms, as well as on the third floor, where a double ceiling and partitions bothered the fire fighters greatly.

Hard to Fight.

The floor above the basement was burned through in many places, and as the flames crept up through the partitions the firemen were obliged to chop numerous holes in the walls. Five lines of hose, which was practically all the three companies had, were laid, and thousands of gallons of water were thrown on the burning structure. Three lines of the hose were laid for a distance of a block, and all ladders and available apparatus used. Chief G. W. Newberry stated that it was one of the most difficult blazes he had experienced.

Miss Augusta Hartz was still in bed when the blaze started, and in less than five minutes her room was filled with smoke, forcing her to leave. However she had the opportunity to return later and save some of the belongings from the water. Mr. Welch, with the help of several volunteers, removed most of his furniture. Mr. McNeely saved many pieces of his furniture by lowering it with ropes.

Most of the damage was confined to the center and the front part of the building, the rear being only damaged by water. Much of the flooring and the walls in the front will have to be rebuilt, and several rooms on the third floor are completely gutted. Although some of the furniture was scorched, most of it was damaged by the water. Nearly all of the windows in the front part of the house were smashed in by the firemen or broken from the heat.

The Negus homestead was built many years ago, and is one of the landmarks of the city. Practically the entire interior of the structure will have to be rebuilt. W. O. Negus, the owner, stated that the loss to the building would in all probability reach \$15,000, which is entirely covered by insurance.

The Losers.

Carl A. Hallgren, assistant secretary of Weyerhaeuser & Denkmann, is the heaviest loser among the tenants. The furnishings in the flat were valued at \$5,500, two-thirds of which was damaged by water, and is insured.

The loss to the flat of Miss Augusta Hartz will reach \$1,000, including a piano. Most of the damage on this side of the building was done by water. Louis Sperling estimates his loss at \$600. Both the Hartz and Sperling losses are covered by insurance.

C. M. Welch, salesman for the Illinois Oil company, who lived on the first floor, saved most of his belongings, \$200 worth being damaged by water. He carried no insurance.

The flat of Martin McNeely suffered

most from the flames. It was through his flat the fire worked through the partitions to the roof. Part of his furniture was badly scorched, the water doing the rest of the damage. The damage to the McNeely flat amounts to \$400, and is not covered by insurance.

The occupants did not remove any furniture when the blaze first started, as it was thought that the fire was under control. Later the dense smoke made it impossible to get much of it before the water flowed through the rooms.

ASSESSOR READY TO BEGIN WORK

Three Assistants Approved by Town Board and Work Starts Tomorrow.

Three assistants named by Assessor J. F. Moeller were approved today at a meeting of the town board in the office of Justice J. H. Cleland in the State Bank building. They are Miss Emily Moeller, Charles Oswald and A. E. Nelson. A fourth assistant named by the assessor was rejected and another name will be presented to the board later. The assessor and his assistants will start work in the city tomorrow.

Collector John Hutton was allowed \$250 to reimburse him for the expense of obtaining bond, this being customary.

James Maucker acted as clerk of the board in the absence of Shirley D. Folsom, town clerk. Adjournment was taken till Saturday, when Mr. Folsom is expected to be present.

APPEAL ALLOWED IN SALOON CASE

Coal Valley Mandamus Suit Goes to Appellate Court for Hearing.

Judge R. W. Olmsted in circuit court yesterday afternoon, formally allowed the motion for appeal in the Coal Valley mandamus suit. This will have the effect of staying all proceedings until the appellate court of the second district has an opportunity to pass on the matter. Bond for the appeal in the sum of \$500 was filed.

When Robert McGimpsey, town clerk at Coal Valley, refused to put the local option on the ballot, James Sackville and others filed in court a petition for a writ of mandamus, which Judge Olmsted allowed. An appeal was immediately prayed and allowed, which nullified the effect of the writ. Whether the saloon question is placed on the ballot, is still largely optional with the town clerk but in view of his previous action, it is not expected that he will do so.

Samuel Hudlin Dies.

Samuel Hudlin, 70 years old, colored, died at 1:50 this morning at Prince Hall, Masonic home in South Rock Island. He had been failing for some time with paralysis. Deceased was born in Portsmouth, West Virginia, in 1844, where he spent the early years of his life. Later he moved to Chicago, where he lived up until nine years ago, when he came to the home. For the last 11 years he had been an invalid. He was an active member of the Quinn chapel A. M. E. church in Chicago. He was also a member of Western Light lodge, No. 30, A. F. & A. M., and St. George Commandery, No. 4, K. T. of Chicago.

He is survived by three sisters and one brother in West Virginia. The funeral will be conducted from the home Thursday, and burial will be made in Chippianock cemetery.

No Bids.

The city received no bids yesterday for the tuberculosis sanatorium site, located on Twenty-sixth to Twenty-ninth street and from Twelfth to Fourteenth avenue. Offers were to be received yesterday. The city paid \$5,000 for the tract.

Colonel Christ Passes.

Chicago, Ill., March 31.—Colonel W. H. Christ, U. S. V., former adjutant general of the Iowa national guard, died last night at Hot Springs, Ark.

Rev. James Rowe Dead.

Chicago, Ill., March 31.—Rev. James Rowe, who raised \$2,000,000 to pay the indebtedness of small Methodist Episcopal churches is dead.

PRODUCERS ARE ASKED TO SEND NAMES AT ONCE

List of Those Desiring to Use Parcel Post to Be Made Up at Postoffice.

GOING OUT FOR BUSINESS

Clerk in Local Office Named to Solicit Shippers in Competition With Express Companies.

In the course of an interview given out today, Postmaster Harry P. Simpson speaking of the purpose of the postoffice department to extend the facilities of the parcel post service to the furthest possible extent in order that the public may enjoy the fullest advantage of this feature of the postal service, said that special efforts would be made by the Rock Island postoffice in the matter of farm produce.

Rock Island, as has heretofore been stated, is one of ten postoffices selected by Postmaster General Burleson for the inauguration of this further extension of the parcel post system, the object being to bring the producer and the consumer into closer touch. To this end the Rock Island postoffice will endeavor to secure a list of producers who desire to sell country produce direct to the consumer, and hence all farmers desiring to have their names placed on the list are asked to forward them to the postmaster at Rock Island, stating the kind of produce they have for sale.

This produce is to be listed under three heads: butter, eggs and general produce. When a sufficient number of names are received, they will be compiled and printed, and distributed upon application to persons who may have use for the lists.

Parcel Post In General.

"I do not believe the patrons of the parcel post are thoroughly familiar with the full scope of the advantages of the system," said Postmaster Simpson, speaking in a general way. "Apart from the innovation in farm products, they should consider the reduced postage rates, and the increased limit of weight effective the first of the year, together with other additions recently made for the purpose of promoting the service to the public. Then, too, there are the insurance and C. O. D. features among the others. The regular parcel post rates now apply to parcels weighing more than eight ounces containing books, and to parcels of miscellaneous printed matter weighing more than four pounds, while still later provisions extend the regular rates to seeds, plants, etc."

"It is highly important and advantageous to the shippers that care be taken in properly wrapping and addressing matter for mailing. This is absolutely essential if the service is to prove satisfactory."

Going Right After Business.

"The Rock Island postoffice is going after the parcel post business, in the same manner that any carrying agency does. To this end, I have designated one of the clerks in the parcel post division to canvass the local shippers for business. Charles W. Fitch has been directed to call upon the manufacturers, the jobbers, and the merchants, and all others of this city, who would likely patronize the service, and in addition to soliciting the business, explain the relative advantages of the parcel post over the express business, and at the same time offer such suggestions as may be helpful to postal patrons. Mr. Fitch was for 19 years in the employ of express companies before coming into the postoffice, and is well qualified to discuss and explain the manifold advantages of the parcel post, and he is instructed to go after the business and get it."

"We are here to serve the people at the least expense, and with the greatest dispatch possible."

OBITUARY

Funeral of Mrs. Rachel Tompkins.

The funeral of Mrs. Rachel Tompkins was held this morning at 10 o'clock from the M. E. church in Milan. Rev. A. Dixon had charge of the services. Interment was made at Dunlap cemetery, south of Andalusia.

Funeral of Mrs. Bremer.

The funeral of Mrs. Caroline Bremer will be held at 11 o'clock, instead of at 2 o'clock tomorrow, at the home of the son, Edward, at Taylor Ridge.

LOCAL BANKERS FOR GOOD ROADS

Adopt Resolutions on Subject at First Annual Banquet of Social Club.

EDENS AND LONG IN APPEAL

Henry S. Henchen of Chicago, Main Speaker, Discusses "Trend of the Times."

A meeting of the Tri-City Bankers Fellowship club was held last evening at the Rock Island club. A banquet was served at 6:30 with covers laid for about 75. Speakers were from out of town—the first Henry S. Henchen, cashier of the State bank of Chicago, taking as his subject "The Trend of the Times." William G. Edens, assistant secretary of the Central Trust company of Illinois, spoke on "The Bankers' Interest in Good Roads."

The editor of "The Roadmaker," Joe L. Long, of Des Moines, was called upon for a few remarks and gave an interesting talk. All of the addresses were interesting and contained much that was instructive.

Pledge Support. The result of the enthusiastic addresses was the passing of a resolution by the bankers, endorsing Governor Dunne for his proclamation setting aside a good roads day in April and pledging the support of the bankers to its success.

BUSINESS MEN GO ON INSPECTION IN AUTOS

Several automobiles were pressed into service this afternoon to take the business men on their weekly tour of inspection of factories. The party left the Safety building at 2 o'clock to visit the Eagle bakery, Rock Island Register company, Franks Manufacturing company and the city reservoir and filter plant. Owing to the distance to be covered in the trip to the city reservoir it was thought best to secure autos.

TWO FOUND INSANE BY COUNTY COURT

Yesterday afternoon in county court, Rufus Jack, a parole prisoner from the state penitentiary at Joliet and Earnest W. Olofson, Moline, were found to be in need of mental treatment and were ordered taken to Watertown by Judge B. S. Bell. The medical commission was composed of Dr. W. T. Hinman and Dr. K. W. Wahlberg.

PERSONAL POINTS

Clifford Edward Myers, 1900 Twelfth street, is spending a week with relatives in Des Moines.

Mrs. B. F. Jones and daughter, Pansy, are spending a few days in Chicago.

Miss Margaret Weinberger, Seventeenth and Brasher streets, has returned from a ten weeks' visit in Madison, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Tallman leave tomorrow morning for their trip a-foot to Seattle, Wash. They will stop a few days in Des Moines and points in Colorado.

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